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"Wallenberg Hearing Stopped"

The Raoul Wallenberg hearing which was to have been held in Stockholm 2-4 May has been ~~cancelled~~^{postponed}, according to the Swedish Wallenberg Committee's communiqué on Thursday afternoon. Plans were discontinued because it was impossible to be sure of functioning transportation next week. Many international guests, including Simon Wiesenthal and Gideon Hausner, prosecutor for the Eichmann trial, are expected to come to Stockholm.

"It is with great regret that we must postpone the hearing and a new time will be announced as soon as possible," stated the committee in its communiqué. The chairman of the Swedish Wallenberg Committee is Gördö Widemar, justice of the Supreme Court.

All of the Wallenberg witnesses throughout the years were invited to the hearing, which was to have taken place at Peoples' House in Stockholm. Many have disappeared.

Diplomats such as Claudie De Mohr or Gustav Richters, whose testimony was of great importance to the Swedish government's actions in the 1950's, have died.

On the other hand, others who have given testimony and made the Swedish government consider the case again - such as Abram Kalinski and Anna Bilder from Israel - are expected to come to Stockholm.

An international panel consisting of Simon Wiesenthal, the well-known Nazi hunter, Professor André Loeff, Paris, Greville Jenner of the Parliamentary committee in England, Pierre Grégoire, Luxembourg, Elie Wiesel, author from the United States, Yuriy Lurie, Canada, and Yuriy Novikov, Soviet psychiatrist and head doctor at the notorious Serbskiy Institut (he now lives in West Germany) was also appointed.

During the last year, the Raoul Wallenberg case has received considerable international attention. Parliamentary committees and groups have been formed in many countries, including Great Britain, Israel, and the United States. In Paris, a book on the Wallenberg case was published the other day.

BBC showed a program about Wallenberg which will be shown by Swedish television on 3 May.

These documents on Wallenberg which the Swedish Foreign Department released in January demonstrated that in the 1940's the Swedish government was not particularly persistent in trying to determine Wallenberg's fate. The great international interest in Wallenberg must be viewed against the background of the loopholes in the Soviet evidence regarding Wallenberg's fate and the changing international situation.

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"Only the Soviets are Silent Regarding Wallenberg"

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The ~~international~~ publicity surrounding Raoul Wallenberg is becoming more and more extensive.

In the next few days, a book by a French author, Jacques Derogy, entitled "The Wallenberg Case", will be published in Paris. In one of its most recent issues, L'Express, a popular magazine, published an article about Wallenberg by Derogy. Another Frenchman, Gilbert Joseph, is also preparing a book on the Swede who disappeared.

The impressive New York Times Sunday Magazine had a picture of Wallenberg on its cover last week. The lead article was written by Eleanor Lester and Frederick E. Werbell who are also writing a book entitled "The Lost Hero of the Holocaust."

In Stockholm, the Raoul Wallenberg Society is preparing an international "hearing" to be held here 2-4 May. The well-known Nazi pursuer, Simon Wiesenthal, Nobel prize winner Andre Lwoff /Wolff/, member of Parliament Greville Jenner and Eichmann prosecutor Gideon Hausner will be part of a panel which will hear a long list of Wallenberg witnesses the names of whom are being kept secret in order to protect them until the start of the "hearing".

So there is activity surrounding Raoul Wallenberg the world over. It is only in the Soviet Union that there is silence.

